

## **MILL CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING**

**MARCH 24, 2004**

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman Dale Pierson.

The first item of business on the agenda was a review of the minutes for the 2003 meeting. These were read by Mark Page. There were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Jim Farnsworth, and seconded by George Carter, to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The next item of business to be considered by the water users was the Commissioner's Report for 2003. Commissioner Robert Byrnes stated that the 2003 season was a better water year than expected. Mr. Byrnes is recommending that work needs to be done on the Wilson Mesa diversion structure, headgate, and the ditch below Warner Lake, to insure the delivery of water. When access can be obtained, the measuring device on Wilcox Flat should be moved near the diversion. Repairs on the Horse Creek Ditch need to be completed. The headgate needs to be modified so it can be locked if necessary. There are also beaver problems in the vicinity of Diversion #5. Work on the South Mesa Diversion needs to be done to re-establish the bank of the creek adjacent to, and ahead of the parshall flume, so the water can be controlled. The flume should also be leveled. The Walker meter needs to be repaired or replaced. The flow meters on Moab Irrigation Company pipelines need to be maintained in a more timely manner. The Schumaker and Cemetery Wells were pumped during July and August. Commissioner Byrnes indicated that the Deloy Lance Well was also pumped during the same period. This information is not in the report. A copy of this data was handed out at the meeting. They pumped approximately 40 acre-feet of water. He thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Following the Commissioner's Report, a motion was made by George Carter, and seconded by Jim Farnsworth, to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion passed.

A discussion of the 2003 Financial Statement was led by Mr. John Larsen. He indicated that as of January 1, 2003 there was \$4520.34 in the Trust Account. During 2003, receipts totaled \$5731.90, of which \$5558.25 was collected from regular assessments, \$152.57 in previous assessments and penalties, and \$21.08 in interest. Expenditures totaled \$4957.57. The balance in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2003 was \$5294.67. Lee Sim indicated that the Commissioner's salary has been paid for 2003, but not his travel expenses. The travel expenses paid during 2003 were for 2002. There are no delinquent accounts. Following a brief discussion of the Financial Statement, a motion was made by Jim Farnsworth, and seconded by George Carter, to accept the Financial Statement as read. The vote was unanimous.

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The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2004. After a brief discussion, Jim Farnsworth made a motion to set the budget at the same amount as in 2003, with the exception of the State Engineer's assessment. The motion was seconded by George Carter, and passed unanimously. The budget for 2004 is as follows:

Commissioner's Salary	\$3,090.00
Social Security	237.00
Travel Expenses	1,500.00
State Engineer's Assessment	372.00
Insurance	70.00
Annual Report	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total	\$5419.00

A brief discussion followed about the rate the Commissioner is paid for his travel. Currently he is reimbursed at a rate of 36 cents/mile. The current IRS rate is 38½ cents/mile. A motion was made by James Walker and seconded by Janie Walker to use the current IRS rate. Jim Farnsworth voted against the motion; all others sustained the motion.

George Carter made a motion to set the assessment for the 2004 budget at \$4269.00. The motion was seconded by James Farnsworth. The motion passed.

The final item of business was the appointment of a Water User's Committee to transact any necessary business during 2004. A motion was made by George Carter, and seconded by Janie Walker, to reappoint the same committee that served in 2003. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee is as follows:

Dale Pierson	Chairman
George Carter	Moab Irrigation Company
Janie Walker	Self
Jim Farnsworth	Mesa Users

It was noted that the current Snotel information indicates a snow water equivalent of 60% of average at the LaSal Mountain site, compared to 79% in 2003. It is expected that 2004 will be a below average water year.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

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Dale Pierson  
Robert M. Byrnes  
Jim Farnsworth  
George B. Carter  
James L. Walker  
Janie Walker  
Lee Sim  
John Larsen  
Gertrudys Adkins  
Mark Page

Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency  
Mill Creek Commissioner  
South Mesa  
Moab Irrigation Company  
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